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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 2, 2006, please correct the amendments to paragraphs 22 and 23 of the Specification, which include appropriate markings as follows:

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace Paragraph [0022] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0022] In accordance with the present invention, it has been found that the strength of a weld formed between aluminum alloy workpieces can be improved by inoculating the molten weld nugget with certain materials which tend to be particularly effective in